RECORD DIVISION
REBEL ARCHIVES
WAR DEPARTMENT

[House Bill No.]

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 28, 1863.

[By Mr. Heiskell, from the Judiciary Committee.]

A BILL

To be entitled An Act to provide for holding elections for representatives in the Congress of the Confederate States, in States occupied by the forces of the enemy.

Section 1. *The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact,* That in any State in which more than half the Congressional Districts are at this time within the lines of the public enemy, or occupied and held by them, or in which the Governor thereof, by proclamation, shall hereafter declare that more than half of such districts, are so held, at a time preceding an election for representatives in the Congress of the Confederate States, not exceeding sixty days, and not less than forty days before the same, then such election shall be by general ticket for such State, and each voter shall be entitled to vote one ticket, containing the names of one person from each Congressional District in such State, and the person in each district receiving the greatest

number of votes of the whole vote of the State, shall be commissioned as representative by the Governor of such State in the manner now in use in such State.

SEC. 2. In such State now occupied as aforesaid, or within the lines of the enemy, shall be held on the first Wednesday of November next, and every two years thereafter during the war.

SEC. 4. In the event that any such State has by law provided for holding such election under the circumstances herein specified, either by temporary acts which has expired, or by acts now in force, such election shall be held according to the provisions of such temporary or permanent act.

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